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GRAVE CRISIS AT SMYRNA

Harbour Closed and Warships

VICE-ADMIRAL NICHOLSON'S WARNING

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, February 8.
It is reported from Constantinople that the Turkish time-limit has expired, Smyrna harbour has been closed and armed, though merchantmen can enter, aided with pilots.
Reuter's Constantinople correspondent says Vice-Admiral Nicholson, in the light cruiser Curacao, entered Smyrna this morning unopposed. He landed and interviewed the Turkish Commander. It is understood that he informed the Turks of the decision of the Powers not to recognise the restriction of Turkish ports until after the signature of peace and warned them that he had orders to return fire in case of any hostile act.

The High Commissioners have handed Ankara a fresh Note demanding the withdrawal of the recent order.
Turkish newspapers view the crisis gravely. It is reported from Ankara that public feeling is most excited. The Council of Commissioners is sitting continuously. The Press is unanimously demanding that the national pact be upheld and declares that Ismet's concessions at Lausanne must be annulled.

Foreign Warships at Smyrna.

Leasfield, February 7.

The Allied High Commissioners at Constantinople have made joint protests through their dragomans to the Ankara Government's representative in Constantinople in reference to the demand of the Turkish authorities at Smyrna that all foreign warships of more than 1,000 tons should leave that port before midnight to-night. There are certain number of Allied nationals in Smyrna. In the meantime, the British light cruiser Curacao, with Admiral Nicholson on board, is on its way to Smyrna.

The Allied Powers maintain their position under the terms of the Mudros Armistice Agreement, and have no intention of submitting to restrictions on the movements of their warships.

The Turkish authorities at Smyrna will, doubtless, receive from Ankara instructions as a result of pourparlers between that Government and the High Commission. They have been informed that pending these instructions they will be held responsible for the consequences of any hostile act.—British Official Wireless Press: Courtesy "Daily Bulletin."

HOPE FOR IRELAND

Unconditional Surrenders Possible.

Dublin, February 8.

It is officially announced that Liam Deasy, the deputy chief of the irregulars, who was arrested on January 18, and sentenced to death, has signed an undertaking to assist in the immediate, unconditional surrender of arms by the men, and has asked the leaders of the irregulars, including De Valera, to give a similar undertaking. All executions have accordingly been suspended until to-morrow morning, pending developments.

London, February 8.

Another hopeful sign is the official announcement in Dublin that a number of prisoners in Limerick, claiming to represent six hundred men, have written suggesting that in view of the tremendous waste of blood in the present struggle, four prisoners be permitted to proceed on parole to the leaders outside and urge them to end the present war of extermination, all executions being meanwhile suspended.

WHITECHAPEL BY-ELECTION.

Labourites Retain the Seat.

London, February 8.

The Whitechapel by-election, caused by the decease of the Labourite M.P., Mr. C. J. Mathew, K.C., resulted as follows:
Mr. Harry Gosling (Labour) 5,398.
Mr. J. D. Killey (Liberal) 6,198.
Mr. Holden (Prohibition) 130.

[At the General Election, the figures were:—Mr. Mathew, 6,267; Mr. Killey, 5,839; Mr. A. Instone (Conservative), 3,502. Mr. Gosling, who is President of the National Transport Workers' Federation, unsuccessfully contested the Kennington Division at the General Election.]

TROUBLESOME GERMANS.

Policemen Refuse to Salute.

Berlin, February 8.

A semi-official message from Recklinghausen states that eight policemen have been arrested for refusing to salute the occupation officers. Tanks cleared the market square, where a crowd was singing patriotic songs.

Paris, February 8.

A total of 4,500 railwaymen, all volunteers, will be leaving for the Ruhr to-morrow, according to the Temps.

DEATH OF SIR JOSEPH WALTON.

London, February 8.

The death has occurred of Sir Joseph Walton, the first Baronet (created 1910), Coalition Liberal M.P. for the Borough of Barnsley from 1918 until the recent election, when he did not stand. He was born in 1849. In 1900 he published a book entitled "China and the Present Crisis." He had travelled extensively in all parts of the world. There is no heir to the title.

NEW AUSTRALIAN MINISTRY.

Melbourne, February 8.

Mr. Bruce announced that he had been successful in forming a composite Ministry in conjunction with the country party.

NEW YORK TO RIO FLIGHT.

New York, February 8.

Hinton, aboard his seaplane, has arrived at Rio de Janeiro, thus completing his flight from New York, projected last August.

THE KING'S GRANDSON.

London, February 8.

Princess Mary and her son are well. Princess Mary passed a comfortable night and her condition is quite satisfactory.

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

London, February 8.

French francs closed at 74.55, Belgian at 84.55, the lire at 967, marks at 152,000 to 157,000 and sterling at 4.67 3/4.

POPULAR SCRIP.

London, February 8.

GRAND PIRATE RAID FOR CANTON.

Robber Chief's Plan Disclosed

What was probably an intended

piracy of the vessel Fatahan, on its voyage from Canton to Hongkong yesterday, was averted through one of the party of alleged pirates disclosing the whole plot.
A Telegraph representative on enquiry at the office of the vessel's owners to-day, learned that the man who gave the game away stated that he was the son of the robber chief, and had fallen out with his father. He went on board the steamer when it was lying at Canton on Wednesday evening, and asked to see the commander. To the commander he told a graphic story of how a gang of pirates, led by the narrator's father, had arranged to pirate the ship on its way to Hongkong, going on board in the guise of ordinary passengers. The young man delivered up a revolver and about fifty rounds of ammunition, and asked for protection. He was taken to the captain, who, impressed by the tale, went on shore to consult the British Consul, the Customs authorities and his agents, and made arrangements to deal with any attempt at piracy that might be made.

When the vessel was about to leave yesterday morning, a special search of the passengers and their baggage was conducted, and on the vessel itself a special watch was kept, particularly on a number of suspicious-looking men who were travelling second-class. Shortly after the steamer left Canton, H.M.S. Moorhen followed at a little distance behind, as an escort. It is said that the suspicious-looking men on the Fatahan exhibited uneasiness when they observed these precautions.

When the vessel approached Haubow about two o'clock yesterday afternoon, about eight or ten boats were noticed, carrying fairly large crews, and it is believed these boats were there to take the pirates and their loot off the steamer had the attempt been successful.

Man Jumps Overboard.
When the vessel was quite close to these boats, a man who had been counted among the passengers deserving of a special watch, and who had repeatedly gone to the side of the ship as if on the lookout for something, suddenly climbed on to the rail and jumped overboard. It is surmised that his intention was to swim out to the boats. The Moorhen launched a boat and picked this man up, and he is now in custody.

The young Chinese who had stated that he was the pirate chief's son, and had asked for protection, was carefully guarded whilst on the trip and was detained by the police on the vessel's arrival here yesterday. Following a telegram received by them, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire had arranged for the police to meet the vessel, and a strong contingent went out in a launch to Capsulman for this purpose. A rigorous search of the passengers and their belongings was conducted and a number of passengers detained. So far, nothing definite against any of these persons has been discovered.

Among those travelling on the Fatahan were a number of wealthy Chinese, and some of General Shum Hung-ying's officers are also said to have been on board.

A rumour was abroad that General Ngai Bong-ping intended to travel by this steamer, and it is suggested that some of the Kwangsi people who desired to do him an injury had arranged the attempt at a robbery as a cover to their main object.

General Shum Hung-ying, after inspecting White Cloud Hill, has placed a battalion of infantry and a company of artillery there. It is said that only a part of General Shum's army has left for the north, the remainder still holding important strategic points on the northern outskirts of the city.

General Chu Pui-tak, commander of the Yunnan troops in Wuchow, is said to intend bringing his forces down to Canton in order to co-operate with General Yeung Hi-man in the maintenance of order.

In order to encourage syndicates to bid for the gambling monopoly, the Revenue Bureau has issued orders for the suppression of all gambling houses operated by soldiers. At Kongmoon, the daily administrative expenses are estimated at \$5,000, and in order to meet these the officials have permitted the establishment of all kinds of gambling, the revenue thus obtained amounting to \$5,000 daily. The intention is to be made good by subscriptions from various associations in other districts.

THE YACHT CLUB.
To-morrow's Programme.
To-morrow the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club have arranged an interesting programme of sailing events to mark the opening of the new bowling green, which was presented last year by Mr. Smyth during his term of office as Commodore.

Owing to the long spell of dry weather the green is not yet in first-class condition but sporting if not highly scientific play may be expected. The green is large enough for three full-sized rinks and members are looking forward to a very pleasant afternoon.

While the bowling games are in progress short sailing races for service boats and racing yachts will take place. The courses selected have been chosen with a view to the whole course as far as possible being in sight of the Club grounds. Racing yachts will pass round the mark in front of the Club House from west to east to a mark boat off Kowloon Point, from thence to a mark boat off Holt's Wharf and to the starting line twice round, thus spectators will be able to closely follow the progress of the races throughout.

Additional interest attaches to these races as the majority of the boats will be sailed by naval officers. Three events have been arranged for service boats of the warships in harbour, starting from the Tamar line, passing in view of the Yacht Club and finishing at the Club House. These races can easily be followed as distinguishing letters and numbers are marked on the sails.

Given fine weather, an agreeable afternoon may be anticipated. As an advertisement elsewhere announces, arrangements for conveyance by launch and motor bus have been made.

Tea will be served, and the Hawkins Band will play on the lawn.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

A Chinese Manager Wounded.

Louis Kam-chi, Manager of the Passidy Gas Mantle Company, of No. 113, Connaught Road Central, was shot in the side by an unknown assailant whilst returning to his home in Yee Kuk Street last evening, at about six o'clock. He was just about to enter his house by the back door when a man suddenly appeared in the alley and fired a shot, the bullet penetrating his side. He was removed by the police to the

FOOTBALL.

The following will represent the United Athletic Club in their Second Division League fixture against Kowloon on Saturday—Beach (Capt.); Jackson, Chilton; Urquhart, Leonard, Kent; Chubb;

GEN. NGAI BONG-PING.

Arrives in Hongkong on Japanese Destroyer.

General Ngai Bong-ping, whose capture and detention by the leaders of the Kwangsi-Yunnanese force now in occupation of Canton furnished one of the most interesting episodes in the recent crisis there, is now in Hongkong.

It was reported during the week-end that he was released after strenuous efforts by the foreign Consuls. That was correct, but it may be added that the delay in his release could have been avoided if he had given an undertaking to abstain from politics. To this demand General Ngai is said to have objected. His expressed aim, as stated to a personal friend, with whom a Telegraph representative had an interview this morning, was to preserve peace and order in the city. His efforts in this direction had been misunderstood, and that was what gave rise to the recent friction occurring at Dutch Folly amongst the generals and officials of the city.

Contrary to expectations it was not the night boat that brought General Ngai here, but a Japanese destroyer which came in this morning. This destroyer remained outside the harbour last night, and the actual landing, which took place at Blake Pier this morning, passed off unobtrusively. A launch from one of the local Japanese shipping companies took him ashore, escorted by a number of Chinese detectives under the charge of a European officer; and a motor-car held in readiness conveyed the General and some personal friends who had come to meet him to a private residence on the upper levels.

Story of Ngai's Arrest.
A story of intrigue and the working out of a party grudge was given to our representative in the course of a talk this morning with one of the General's personal friends. To understand it fully one has to recall the events of three years ago, when General Ngai Bong-ping, in the position of a minor military commander, rose into sudden prominence by his successful participation in the fight between Kwangsi and Kwangtung. With his own provincials Ngai then came in for much popularity. He was acclaimed the "liberator" of Kwangtung from the fact that he played a prominent part in driving the Kwangsi clique, under Mok Wing-son, from Canton. That was an action for which the militarists apparently could not forgive him. When the recent turn in the political situation enabled the K'wai leaders to re-enter the city in conjunction with the Yunnanese, the opportunity offered itself of obtaining revenge. Anxious, as he says, to preserve peace and order in the city until such time as Sun Yat-sen could find it convenient to return and establish a central authority, Ngai, who had previously abstained from active politics, preferring the more peaceable role of mediator between Chan King-ming and Sun Yat-sen, found it of vital interest to concede to the request of the merchants and to exert his influence on their behalf.

Shum Hung-ying, the leader of the Kwangsi troops in the meantime had regarded Ngai's participation in the affairs of the city with suspicion, and communicated his fears to the Yunnanese General Yeung Hi-man, who was extremely reluctant to take the extreme steps suggested. When persuasions appeared to have no great effect, Shum endeavoured to force Yeung's hands by revealing to him the contents of a letter purporting to have emanated from General Ngai and addressed to Shum Chun-huan, former Yuetsoy and Chairman of the Military Directorate in Sun's regime, proposing joint co-operation for the election of the Kwangsi and Yunnan troops and the establishment of a Government which should be administered only by the Cantonese.

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We have read what actually happened at this meeting. General Ngai's own account is that he was talking to Lo Tak-hing, one of the Kwangsi commanders, when the latter drew a revolver and fired at almost point-blank range across the desk at which they were sitting. The shot would have hit him but for the sudden action of other officers standing behind, who seized hold of Ngai at the moment the revolver was drawn and pulled him from his seat to the floor. Disappointed, Lo Tak-hing stood up from his chair and leaned across the table to take better aim, but he was restrained by the other officers after the firing of another shot, which, like the first, missed its mark.

It was an ironical circumstance that after failing to kill General Ngai, Lo Tak-hing should die at the hands of his own soldiers. The shooting was still going on when Lo, with Wong Hung-yau, another Kwangsi officer, left the place in a motor car. It was in the evening, and the Kwangsi troops, detailed off to guard the East Bund and prevent the Cantonese officers from getting away, fired at them as they were leaving in a car, being under the impression that they were the Civil Governor, Wu Hon-man, and another official. The mistake was discovered only when the shots had produced fatal results.

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MORE ROBBERIES.

Exciting Aberdeen Incident.

An armed robbery at Aberdeen last night resulted in looting and carrying away of money totalling about \$300. A customer had come in to change a hundred-dollar bill. The gang suddenly made their appearance, seized the note and took between \$300 and \$400 from the till. A crowd of inhabitants, who started in pursuit, were held off by revolver shots and the gang, numbering three, made their escape by the Wanchai Gap road.

A robbery, with violence, occurred at 33, Shanghai Street, when an unarmed man came on to the floor and attacked one of the women just as she discovered his presence. He bound and gagged her and eventually escaped with money and valuables to the extent of \$90.

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COMPANY REPORTS.

Union Waterboat Co., Ltd.

The report of the above Company for the year ended 31st December, 1932, states:—

The profit for the year, including balance brought forward from last account amounts to \$76,673.54 and after writing off depreciation, etc., as decided by the General Managers and Consulting Committee, there remains a balance available for appropriation of \$39,662.74.

The General Managers recommend the payment of a dividend of \$1.25 per share, which will absorb \$34,653.75, leaving a balance of \$5,008.99 to carry forward to the new account.

Consulting Committee:—Since last meeting Messrs. A. E. Crapnell and R. G. Shawan have resigned and Mr. W. Adamson has joined the committee.

Auditor:—The accounts under review have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A.

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Subject to audit, the Directors of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., will, at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders to be held on Friday, the 23rd February, 1933, recommend the following allocation of profits:—

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To write off buildings and machinery 50,000.00

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"MUI TSAI" BILL.

Yesterday's Full Dress
Debate.

Yesterday's debate in the
Legislative Council on the second
reading of the Mui Tsai Bill
proved to be a lengthy and, at
times, rather a heated one. We
have not the space available to
give all the speeches.

The debate was opened by the
Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, who in
the course of a long speech,
explained certain objections to
parts of the Bill and asked
for amendments. A resume of
this speech we gave yesterday.

The Chinese View.

The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son
prefaced his speech by giving,
categorically, all the points for
and against the measure which
have been raised during the past
few weeks by different sections of
the Chinese community. He
proceeded—

Now, I have given, to the best
of my ability, the arguments put
forward by the various parties, for
and against the measure. The
English Secretary of the Anti-Mui-
Tsai Society has also put me a
letter giving a list of the views of
his Executive Committee on the
Bill, which I have handed to the
Honourable the learned Attorney
General for his consideration. I
am, however, asked to say here
that what they recommend consti-
tutes the irreducible minimum. In
effect, they support the Bill, with
certain proposed amendments
which, they consider, should
strengthen it. My Chinese col-
league and I have also received
from the Chinese Labour Union,
the Chinese Y.M.C.A., and
Y.W.C.A., the Chinese Christian
Union, and the Chinese General
Chamber of Commerce written re-
presentations which we have like-
wise turned over to the Govern-
ment.

Having divested myself of the
task imposed upon me by the two
sides of re-stating their opinions
here, I will endeavour to express
the views of my Chinese colleague
and myself. We feel that where
there is a divergence of opinion, it
is not enough for a member of this
Honourable Council merely to ex-
press the views, however impar-
tially, of the people whom he repre-
sents. He should also weigh the
value of the conflicting arguments,
endeavour to unravel the web of
confusion woven by the disputa-
tion, and form his own judgment.
In expressing our own conclusions—
our honest convictions—it would
be necessary for me to go over
some of the grounds already tra-
versed, but I know I can count
upon a patient hearing.

The Crux.

The crux of the matter seems
to us to be whether a mui-tsai is
a slave or not. If she is, we
should not tolerate the system for
even one day longer in this Colony;
but this point is disposed of by
clause 2 of the Bill. Still, in spite
of such a definite pronouncement
from the Government, we cannot
get away from the fact that cases
of cruelty have from time to time
come to light. We, therefore, con-
sider that the mui-tsai need special
protection by the Government.

While I labor cruelty to children
and consider a fine, however heavy,
totally inadequate for offenders, I
agree with those who hold that
the present Bill would not detect
the small number of people, who
are by nature cruel, from ill-treat-
ing their mui-tsai. For such
people I advocate a long term of
imprisonment with hard labour.

I strongly deprecate, as do all
my Honourable Unofficial col-
leagues, the introduction of regis-
tration. Endless inconvenience
and trouble would be caused to the

people by requiring them to
register their mui-tsai, to report
any change of address, and when-
ever they leave the Colony with a
mui-tsai, even temporarily. I do
not agree with the supporters of
the Bill that registration in this
case would not cause undue incon-
venience, judging by the smooth
working of the laws governing the
registration of births and deaths,
schools, companies, and medical
practitioners. This is arguing on
totally wrong premises. A little
thought will convince any im-
partial person that it is one thing
to have, for instance, a birth or a
school registered, and quite an-
other to have to report every in-
tended removal of a mui-tsai from
the Colony, even temporarily, and
every change of address of the
mui-tsai or of the employer.

Identification Tickets.
Further, according to the Bill, the
employer, whatever his station in
life, has to take out an identifica-
tion ticket, as if (to use the words
of a Chinese gentleman) he were
a discharged convict who has
periodically to report himself to
the police. Moreover, registra-
tion in this case, if to be effective,
would necessitate domiciliary visits,
which would open a door to all
sorts of abuses, such as bribery,
thieves masquerading as detectives
to gain admission into houses, and
interference with the privacy of
the home—a thing repugnant to all
free men. Registration of mui-tsai
will not prevent their maltreatment
any more than registration of shop-
keepers will prevent thefts and em-
bezzlements. Rather than have
this registration law imposed on
them, the employers of mui-tsai
would sooner give them up at
once, either to the Government or
to such institutions as the Govern-
ment would name. This would
mean that the Government has to
provide accommodation and find
employment for the mui-tsai, of
whom there are about ten thousand
in the Colony. As a correspondent
to the Chinese General Chamber of
Commerce has said, there are un-
fortunately very few foundling
houses in Hongkong or in China,
and so the present homes of the
mui-tsai constitute a sort of found-
ling houses for them, otherwise a
large number of them would have
been drowned by their parents or
starved to death.

Education of Public Opinion.
Hongkong is so bound up with
Canton, geographically and econ-
omically, that to stop the employ-
ment of mui-tsai after the Bill be-
comes law as prescribed by clause
1 would be impracticable unless
China acts likewise. I am of the
firm opinion that no real im-
provement of any time-honoured
social custom can be effected by
sudden and violent change. The
mui-tsai system has been in exis-
tence for thousands of years hav-
ing grown up under the economic
conditions of life. The wide
publicity that has recently been
given to the question should help
materially to bring about the ac-
tainment of this object. The best
method to this end would seem to
be a gradual and careful education
of public opinion.

The Anti-Mui-tsai Society and the
Protection Society can assist in
the carrying out of the present
Bill by having all mui-tsai informed
of their status as declared in
clause 2, and of their right to re-
port at once to the Government
in case they are ill-treated; and
also by advising employers to treat
their mui-tsai well, otherwise they
would be punished severely. It
should be remembered, as analogous
to this matter, that the foot-binding
practice which had been in exis-
tence in China for nearly two thou-
sand years, and which was, as
recently as twenty-five years ago,
tacitly condoned by the people,
was eventually abolished, not by

legal enactments but by gradual
pressure of enlightened public
opinion, until we see to-day middle-
aged dames and young girls, instead
of being carried on the backs of
amahs, merrily tripping about in
the streets in short skirts and high-
heeled shoes, just like their West-
ern sisters. What has happened
to foot-binding should happen to
the custom of keeping mui-tsai.

One-Sided Agitation.
Let me now recapitulate the views
my Chinese colleague and myself,
which, I think I can say, are also
the views of my other Unofficial
colleagues, namely, that to make
illegal the engagement of mui-tsai
in Hongkong at this juncture would
be impracticable, that, as a pre-
ventive of ill-treatment of mui-tsai,
person guilty of gross cruelty
should be sent to prison for a long
term with hard labour. It has
been a source of regret to me that,
while the case for stopping the
employment of mui-tsai has been
so ably and widely presented, those
who are in favour of retaining the
system for the present, with cer-
tain radical improvements in their
position, have, until only quite
recently, remained almost inarticu-
late. I say this because I wish
that both sides had had an equal
chance of presenting their respec-
tive cases to the Secretary of
State. Those in favour of the Bill
have undoubtedly been actuated
by generous motives and lofty
ideals, but I am afraid that their
burning zeal has not permitted
them to study the problem with
that calmness and impartiality
which the importance of the sub-
ject demands. I do not keep, and
have never kept, any mui-tsai, but
this does not blind me to the un-
wisdom of trying to sweep away
in a day the custom with its good
points. My Chinese colleague and
I have given this grave problem
much careful and anxious thought;
and, while we recognise that there
is much to be said for the argu-
ments adduced by both sides, we
have felt it our bounden duty to
state, as I have done, the con-
clusions we have arrived at without
fear or favour. It now remains
for us to signify our support to
the amendments which will be
moved in committee by the Honour-
able Senior Unofficial Member.

His Excellency's Reply.
H. E. The Governor: Gentlemen,
before we pass on to the next
stage of the Bill I desire to make
a few general remarks on the sub-
ject. I should like, in the first
place, to make it perfectly clear
that I dissociate myself entirely
from the venomous attacks which
have been made on the whole
Chinese population of this country
by ignorant persons at Home who
seem to assume that because a
system is liable to abuse it is
therefore essentially bad. At the
same time, I think it must be ad-
mitted that there is, from the
Western point of view, a strong
case against the maintenance of a
system which, to the unsympathetic
Western mind, is very difficult to
distinguish from slavery owing to
the passing of money and the
acquisition of services which are
subsequently unpaid. The argu-
ments which have been brought
forward with regard to the general
contentment of the mui-tsai and
the general excellence of the system
may very likely be perfectly correct.
I have very little doubt that many
of the statements are; I have very
little doubt that ninety per cent.
of the statements are correct. But
if any hon. member will take the
trouble to read up the literature
of the early part of the nineteenth
century you find, in numerous
pamphlets of West India Societies
precisely the same argument pro-
duced in almost exactly the same
words with regard to negro slavery.

These arguments were not allow-
ed to stand in the way of the
abolition of the system of slavery
in the British Colonies and I fear
that it is impossible to allow argu-
ments of the same kind to stand
in the way of the abolition of a
system of keeping mui-tsai in
Hongkong. The hon. member who
spoke on behalf of all the Unofficial
Members commented on the refer-
ence to "certain persons" who had
"erroneously supposed" certain
things, in clause 2 of the Bill, add
he suggested that those "certain
persons" who had made "erroneous
suppositions" were all the 300 or
400 million inhabitants of China.
It seems to me that that may conceiv-
ably be the case: that these four
or five hundred millions had an
erroneous impression, though, as
we have heard here to-day, that
system was declared to be unlaw-
ful in the Manchu Dynasty and
subsequently, in the time of the first
Republic. I am not quite clear whe-
ther they had good grounds for their
belief, but I should like to make
a strong point that we are not
legislating for the 400 millions of
China but for the 600,000 odd in-
habitants of a British Colony. This
is a matter which must be decided
with all due regard, to Chinese
sentiment and prejudice—on the
principles of British law and the
sentiments of British morality.

No Compromise.
The main point of the Bill is
that the system of keeping mui-tsai
must be abolished. On that
point, I have definite instructions
from the Secretary of State who
represents the British Government
and the British people. There can
be no compromise on that point;
the system must be abolished,
and if the system is to be
abolished I can see no reason
why you should not say so.
For that reason I think it is
necessary—in fact essential—to
keep clause 4 in the Bill, but I am
quite prepared to accept any
alternative form of words which
will convey the same impression.
But there can be no compromise
on this point: that hereafter no
person can be allowed to have a
mui-tsai in his employment in
British territory.

The matter of registration is, to
my mind, not of the first impor-
tance. The Secretary of State has
expressed his readiness to listen
to any arguments against the im-
position of registration in these
matters and will, no doubt, weigh
very carefully what has been said
by the hon. senior Chinese mem-
ber in deciding what instructions
he shall give with regard to bring-
ing into force what may be called
the reserved portion of the Bill,
that is the part of the Bill that is
coming into force by proclamation.

With regard to the other minor
amendments of the hon. member,
Mr. Pollock, I think many of them
may, with advantage, be adopted,
and I should like to say now that
I am much obliged to the hon.
member, although I cannot agree
with his views in some instances,
for the trouble which he has
taken in endeavouring to get this
Bill into the best possible shape
so that it may serve its object of
protecting the interests of mui-tsai,
while causing the least possible
friction and difficulty. The re-
maining points raised may be dealt
with more suitably on the individ-
ual clauses of the Bill as they
arise. It is proposed and seconded
that the Bill be read a second
time.

The second reading of the Bill
was then carried.

In Committee.
The Attorney-General moved
that the Council go into Committee
to consider the Bill clause by
clause. The Colonial Secretary
seconded and this was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Pollock said: I beg
to move an amendment in Clause
2, to make it direct and to run as

follows: "It is hereby declar-
ed and enacted that no payment
money to the parents, or
guardians, or the employer of
female child, such payment pur-
porting to be in return for
transfer of the child, confers any
right of property in the child, or the right to re-
possession, custody, or control
of the child, either as against
child's parent, guardian, or
employer, or as against the child
herself."

In support of this amendment
Sir, I would say that it seems
me a far more direct and defini-
tive statement of what you mean
effect, than the present declara-
tion clause 2, which begins in a round
about sort of way, "whereas cer-
tain persons have erroneously su-
posed, etc."

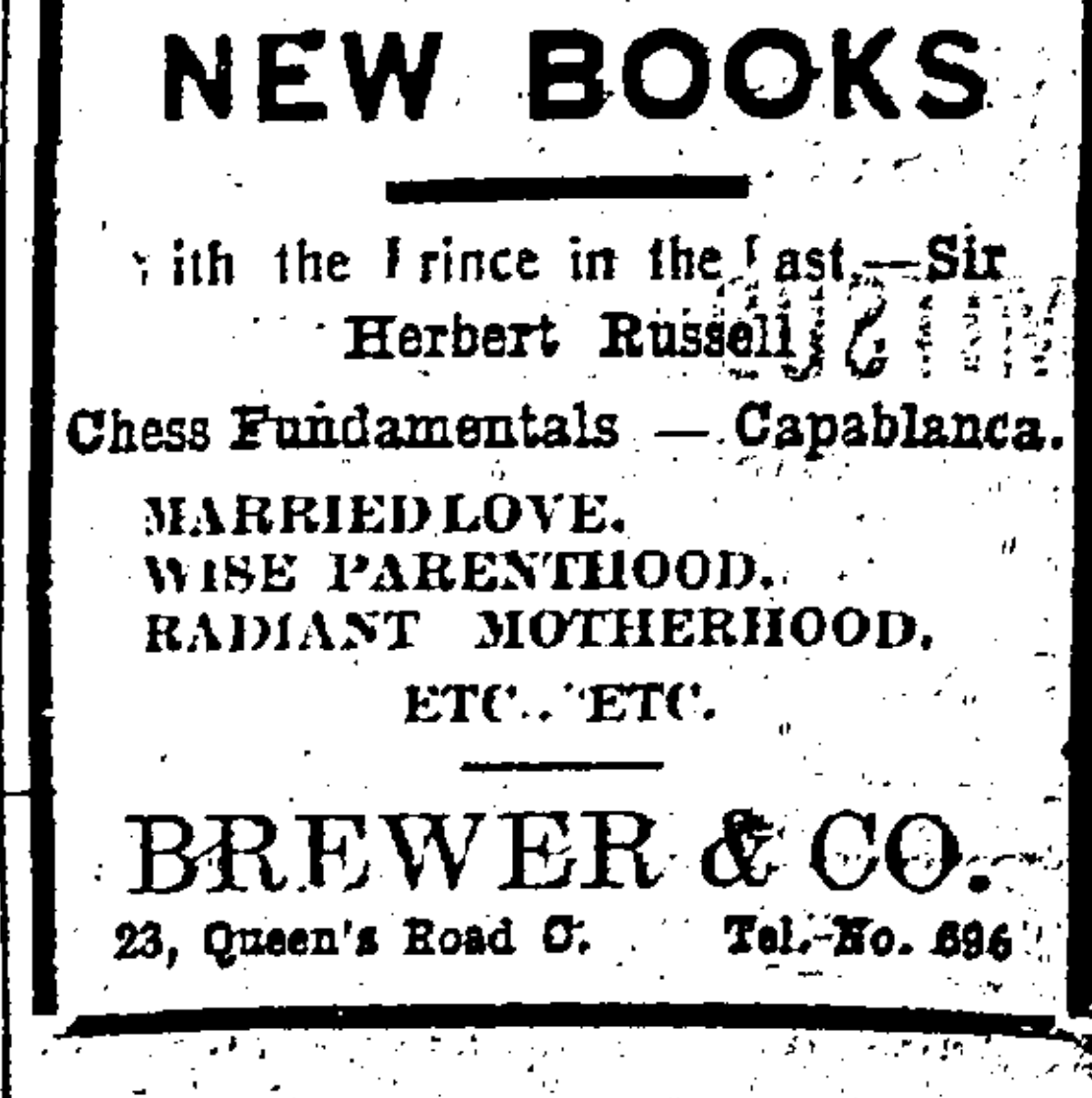
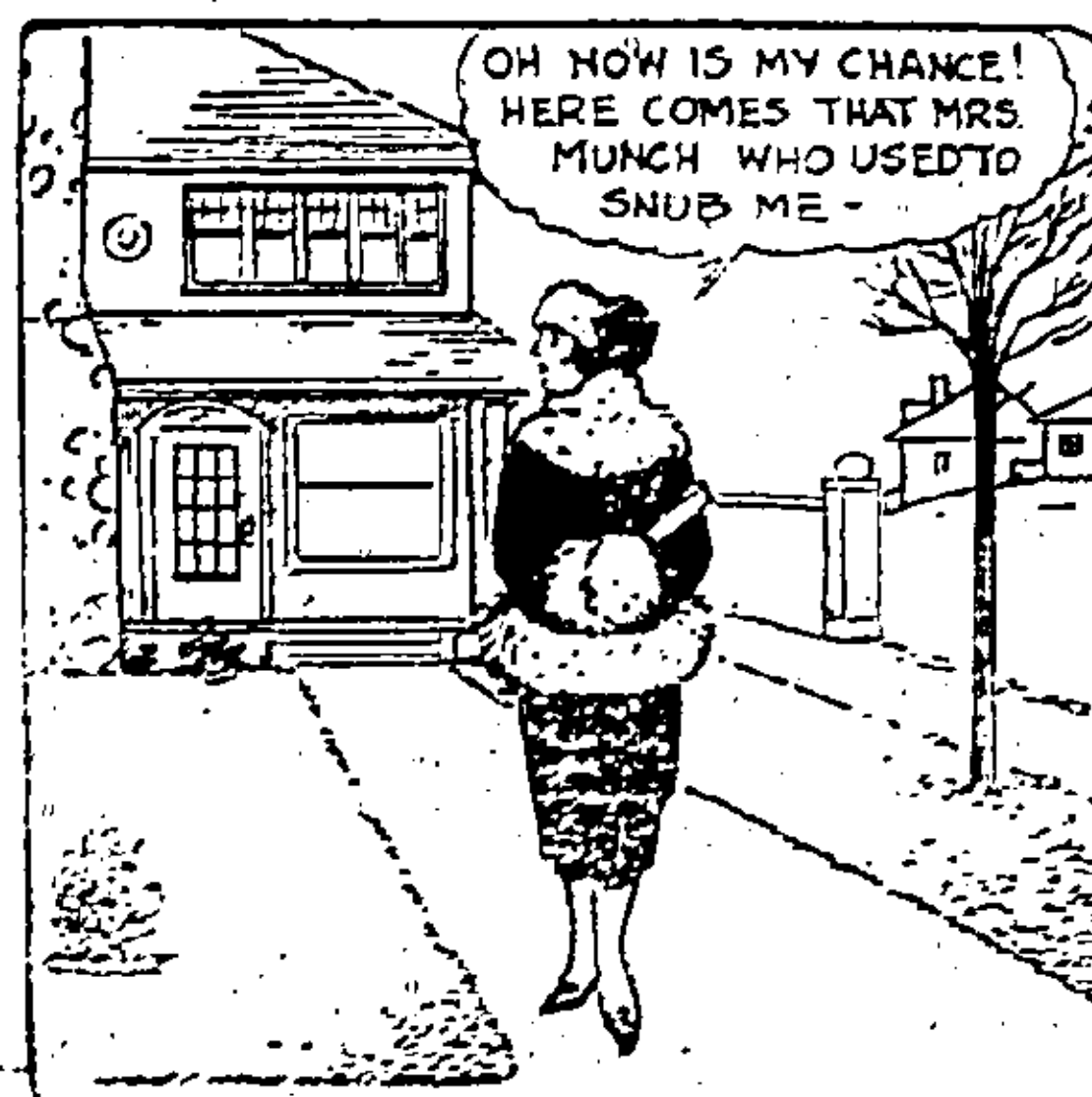
Your Excellency has stated that
the "certain persons" cannot pos-
sibly refer to the 300,000,000
400,000,000 people living in Chi-
na but they must be restricted to
600,000 Chinese in this Colony.
But, Sir, I would beg leave to po-
int out, with deference, that this
is not so, because the number of
mui-tsai who are in Hongkong
is a very trifling percentage inde-
ed. The mui-tsai, who have found
their way to Hongkong, come from
outside—from within the Em-
pire of China itself, which
subject, as we know, to such
severe and distressing econ-
omic conditions, with famine
prevailing in very large areas. With
regard, Sir, to your observation about
desirability of the present sys-
tem, I must confess I have found it
difficult to apply that observa-
tion to the remarks which have been
made by myself or by my Chin-
ese colleague. And, furthermore,
I must have expressed myself in-
differently if you have not pre-
sented the fact that my own
contention is that clause 2 of the
Bill absolutely shatters the
mui-tsai system as it hitherto
exists, that it brings it to an end
completely, that it does away with
the possibility of its being represented
either as a servile condition or
a proprietary condition.

System Not Satisfactory.
And the amendments which
shall ask Your Excellency to in-
terpose and by in clause 12 of the
Bill will make the point even
stronger, perhaps, than it is
present. I do not say that the
system, as it has existed hitherto,
is satisfactory. If I thought
it were satisfactory I should op-
pose this Bill in toto. I do not do
that nor do my honourable colleague.
We realise that a considerable
part of this measure is desir-
able in the interests of, and for
protection of mui-tsai. We do
not intend to contend that it is
a measure, treating it as a whole,
is either unnecessary or unde-
sirable. Your Excellency has in-
ferred, incidentally, to cer-
tain laws which are stated to have
passed in China. But I can say,
Sir, that from all I learn the
laws are not more carried into
force and are of no more avail
than are the laws for the sup-
pression of opium in China, and the
fore, I think we may treat this
as a negative quantity. I think
necessary to say that, because
want to make the position of the
Unofficial Members of this Council
perfectly clear. That is all I
have to say on clause 2 of the Bill,
again urge that it is far more
emphatic and far more direct
say that "it is hereby declared
and enacted" instead of trying
to refer to erroneous suppositions
certain persons with reference
to the mui-tsai system.

I do not think, Sir, it is
erroneous supposition. I believe
the custom in China is that the
payment of money does confer cer-
tain rights for a period of years
at all events till the girl attains
the age of eighteen years, or
marriageable age. I do not think
it is at all incorrect. It is not
erroneous supposition, it is a fact.

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supposition. The Chinese custom, as I understand it, undoubtedly is that the payment of money does confer certain rights on the person who pays that money. I cannot see any good or any advantage to be got by saying that people erroneously suppose a thing when, as I understand the position, they do not erroneously suppose the thing at all. That is all I have to say, Sir, with regard to my amendment as to clause 2.

Payment Confers No Rights.

The Attorney-General: One appreciates the desire to make this clause more direct and arresting, but I think the omission of the preamble obscures one very important point, namely, that the clause does not make any change in the law whatever; for the payment of money in return for obtaining the possession of a child has never, in Hongkong, conferred any right whatever on the purchaser. I must confess I am rather surprised to hear the hon. member question the correctness of the preamble and suggest that it is not an erroneous supposition at all and that payment does confer rights. We are speaking, Sir, in this clause, of English law, Hongkong law, and what ever rights may be in China they are not concerned. It is undoubtedly an erroneous supposition that payment of money for a child confers or has ever conferred any rights on the purchaser, and I think it is important to keep the preamble in this clause to make that point quite clear.

H.E. the Governor: I think the hon. member's objection will be quite in order if we cut out the word "erroneously," which means nothing very important from my point of view but seems to me a great deal from the hon. member's point of view. There is no question, I think, that certain persons have made this erroneous supposition.

Grossly Exaggerated Charges.

Hon. Mr. Pollock: Is it not very important that we should not in this juncture protest in the most vigorous and comprehensive terms against the erroneous charges levelled against us in the Press of England—grossly exaggerated and largely untrue charges. I feel no doubt you did, Sir, when at Home in the past few months, constant references to "Hongkong slavery" and even to an open slave market, statements which were as preposterous in conception as they were untrue in fact. It is due to the Colony and the good government of the Colony that these insinuations and positive misrepresentations of the truth should be contested in the most vigorous form. Therefore, I wholly agree with your Excellency that the term "erroneous," whether it is employed in the Bill or not, does convey the conviction of this Council with regard to public opinion at Home, which has been fostered upon areas misrepresentations of the truth.

H.E. the Governor: The "erroneous supposition" are the Chinese who paid money for *mui-tai*.
The Attorney-General: And the Europeans who imagined that the sale of human beings was recognised here by English law; they made the same erroneous supposition and they have called upon us to change the law when, as a matter of fact, there is no need to change the law, because the law has never recognised any rights whatever.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock: I am afraid Members of Parliament do not recognise themselves—as my friend does—as "certain persons."
H.E. the Governor: I confess I did not either. What the Hon. Mr. Pollock has said makes me think it wise to retain the word "erroneous," and I think it must remove the objections of the Hon. Mr. Pollock. There is no question that the opinions of Members of Parliament and others at Home to whom he referred were erroneous.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock did not press his amendment, and it was agreed that clause 2 should stand part of the Bill.

Undesirable Clauses.

Hon. Mr. Pollock: With regard to clauses 4 and 5 I have to move an amendment that they be removed into Part 3 of the Bill. As I have already explained, Sir, in my opening speech, the Unofficial Members of Council have spent a considerable amount of time on this Bill. As regards myself I would be more correct to say that I have spent days than hours on this measure and the construction thereof. And the conclusion the Unofficial Members have come to on this Bill is that these clauses 4 and 5 are

undesirable, unnecessary and unworkable. But, Sir, whether we are right or wrong in our views we think we have the right to demand that our views on clauses 4 and 5 should be submitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies before these clauses are "rammed" through this Council against the unanimous wishes of the Unofficial Members by use of the Official vote. Your Excellency has stated that clauses 4 and 5 must be passed as they stand, because of the instructions received from the Secretary for State. It seems to me to be imputing an extraordinarily autocratic temperament to that high official to suppose that he desires these instructions to be carried out immediately, instead of with the delay of two or three months only; and I think, Sir, that such a supposition is extraordinarily uncomplimentary to our new Secretary of State. I cannot imagine, Sir, that he has any desire excepting to find out what the views of this Council are on this measure, because to suppose anything else would be to suppose that he intends to turn this Council and its deliberations into a positive farce. I have before me now, Sir, a telegram from London of December 19th, in which the Duke of Devonshire, speaking at the Nigeria Club dinner, said he wished the Colonies to regard him not merely as head of the office, but also as a friend.

Interference with Men on Spot.

Well, Sir, in view of that statement of the Duke of Devonshire, I can hardly suppose that he intended by anticipation to absolutely preclude and bar himself from considering any reasoned opinions made by the Unofficial Members of the Council with regard to any measure brought before it. He also makes a statement to the effect that he will not interfere with the men on the spot. Well, Sir, I think the Unofficial Members of the Council can claim to be more than one man, and it is an interference with them. It is also, Sir,—if the head of the Colony is intended—an interference with the Governor of the Colony to say, not merely that he wishes a certain measure to be passed but that he will not receive from the Governor any expression of opinion in Council, but he insists upon a certain course of action being taken entirely without any reference to that opinion. I now, Sir, have to formally move as an amendment, that clauses 4 and 5 be put into Part 3 of this Bill, and upon this point I feel so strongly the disrespect that is being shown to the considered opinions of the Unofficial Members of this Council on the subject, I shall have to press for a division.

Very Definite Instructions.

H.E. the Governor: I trust that in his last sentence the hon. member is not referring to me as showing disrespect to the views of the Council. It is the last thing I desire to do, but, in this matter, I have, as I have already stated, very definite instructions. The hon. member has read certain extracts from a telegram relating to what the Duke of Devonshire said after a lunch on a certain occasion. I have a telegram here, dated shortly before that time, in which he says he considers this law should be passed without further delay, on the following lines:

Declaration that payment in respect of a child confers no rights from the date of the passing of this Ordinance; registration of *mui-tai*. In passing a Bill on the above lines, there can be no compromise on the first and second provisions, but we will carefully and sympathetically consider any representations the Chinese may wish to make before the proclamation, bringing Part III into force, is issued.

The telegram was sent after the Secretary of State received from here a full statement as to the objections to the Bill raised by the Chinese community,—which cover all the ground which has been taken,—and it was pointed out to me—I was told in the telegram received—the objections put forward were those that the Secretary of State was aware of, when his decision was taken. I am positive the Secretary of State has no desire to show any disrespect to the Council, and I deprecate the suggestion that because the Secretary of State has prejudged the matter therefore the Council's views will not be considered. It is very rarely that the Secretary of State takes a decisive line of this kind, and in this instance I fear his desire to take the views of the men on the spot has possibly been overruled by his desire to do what he believes to be right and in accordance with British principles.

The System Must End.

I am clear that the clauses in some shape or form must form part of the Bill, and I myself can see no reason why they should not, because it is perfectly clear that the system must end. The hon. member says the system is actually put an end to by clause 2. In that case why object to saying so and prevent recruitment of future *mui-tai*?

The Secretary of State has expressed his readiness to listen to advice on any of the minor matters of the Bill and, of course, he will pay due attention to what has been said on this subject. Well now, what is the use of postponing this Bill and putting it into Part 3? It only means that the abolition of the system will be delayed, possibly for two or three months. It is not to be supposed that the Secretary of State will alter his opinion on the matter, and the only practical difference would be that a certain number of persons would be under the impression that they would be at liberty to engage *mui-tai* for the next two or three months. Supposing the Secretary of State does alter his opinion, which is most unlikely, it would always be possible to repeal and no harm would be done except that for a few months no one would be able to obtain a *mui-tai*, which, the hon. member will agree, would be desirable. We do not wish people to engage further *mui-tai* and I think the more difficult we make it for them the better the advantage to the community. I am extremely sorry to differ from the hon. member, but I feel the clauses in some form or other must be included in some part of the Bill which comes into immediate operation. I am quite willing to consider any suggestions changing the wording.

Entirely Harmless.

Hon. Mr. Pollock: Here is a clause which must be passed. I don't see where we shall benefit ourselves by trying to adopt another. If you are bound by instructions you are fully bound.

H.E. the Governor: I am bound by instructions to introduce some clause which will have this effect.
Hon. Mr. Pollock: I don't think you have quite comprehended the point of the Unofficials, which is that it is absolutely impossible after this Bill has been passed to employ *mui-tai*—in the old sense of *mui-tai*—at all. It almost wants a new term to describe them.

H.E. the Governor: In that case the clause is entirely harmless. If there will be no such person there can be no harm in saying she cannot be employed.

Hon. Mr. Pollock: But there will be persons claiming to be identified as *mui-tai*, and the effect of passing this clause is that after this you will have two forms—the legal and the illegal forms—of *mui-tai*. You will have endless disputes and enquiries as to whether the person is of the legal or illegal standing. Further, it will mean that every single young Chinese girl coming into the Colony will be under suspicion as a potential suspected *mui-tai*. I do not know how many inspectors you have, but you will have to have hundreds. I would ask for a division to be taken on this amendment.

Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sen seconded the amendment, and on the division the votes were recorded as follows:

For: All Unofficials.

Against: All Officials.

Ill-treatment Clause.

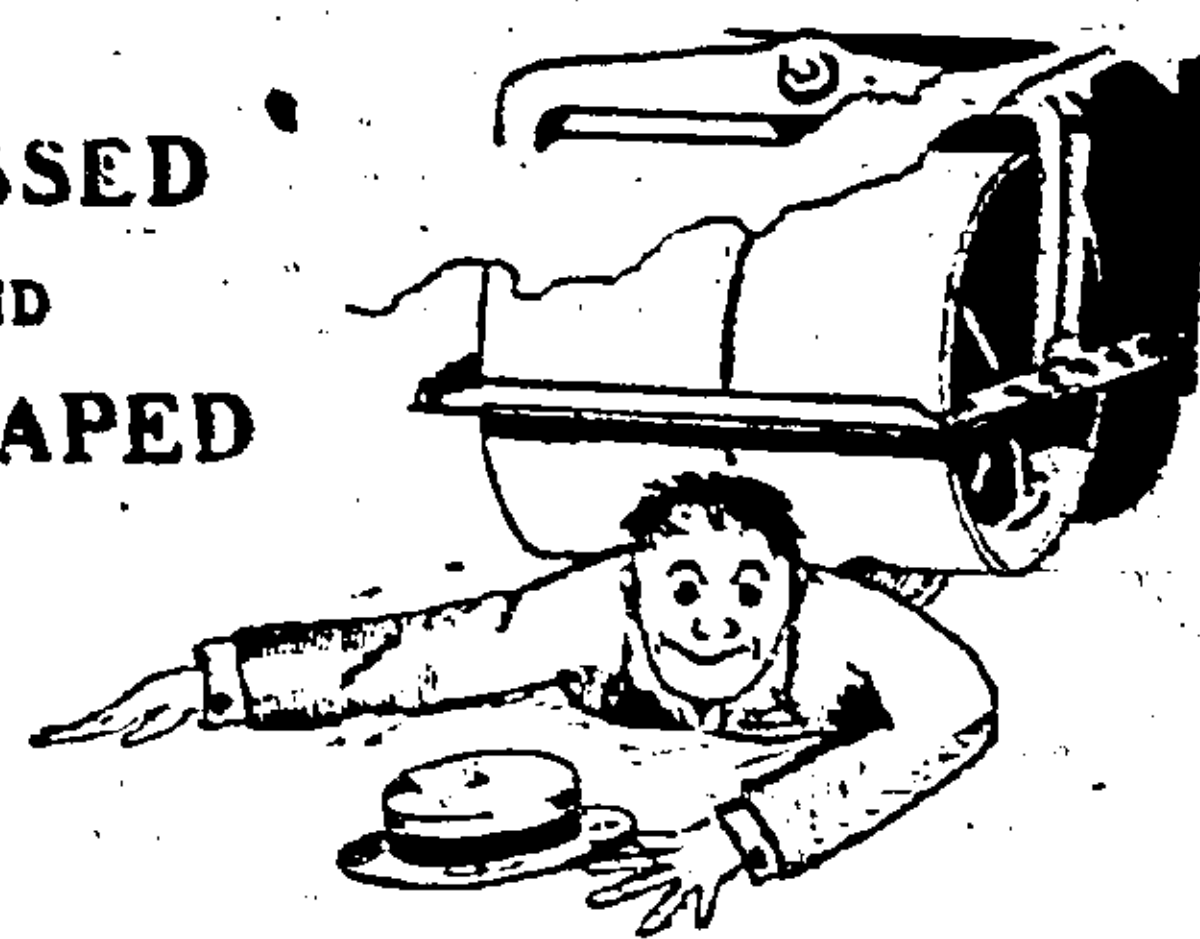
Hon. Mr. Pollock moved that clause 6 be transposed so that sub-section 2 became sub-section 1 and vice versa. He thought this a better order.

The Attorney-General: I see no objection.
The amendment was agreed to.
Hon. Mr. Pollock moved that a new clause be inserted after clause 6 to run as follows:

"In very prosecution for overwork or ill-treatment of a *mui-tai* medical evidence shall be given before the Magistrate trying the case as to the injuries received by such *mui-tai*, and the magistrate shall find whether such ill-treatment amounted, in his opinion, to gross cruelty or not."
"In the event of such Magistrate finding that such ill-treatment amounted to gross cruelty, the offender shall not be given the option of paying a fine, but shall be sentenced by the Magistrate to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year."

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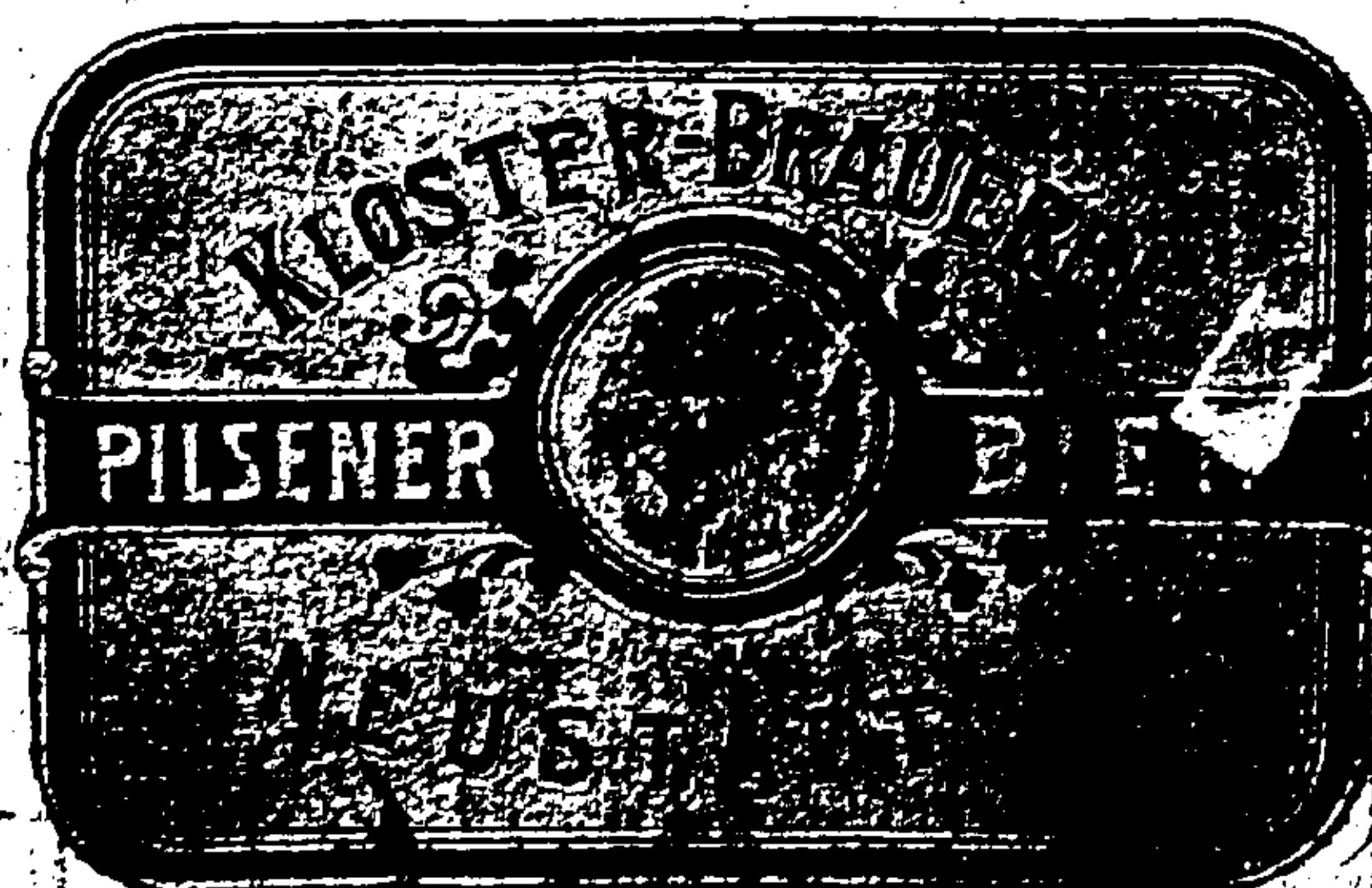
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Bookings at Moutrie.

After 5 p.m. at the Star Ferry Pier and at the Theatre.

NOTICE.

OWING to the stoppage of the Peak Tramway service from 10 p.m. on the 10th inst., to 7 a.m. on the 12th inst., Motor Vehicles will be permitted to use the new Road to the Peak as far as Stewart Terrace from 6 p.m. on the 10th inst., to 10 a.m. on the 12th inst.
E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.
Hongkong 6th, February, 1923.

THEATRE ROYAL

Hongkong
On Saturday 10th February
— at 9.15 p.m. —
The Great Australian Theatrical Firm

J. C. WILLIAMSON, LTD.
present their
GILBERT AND SULLIVAN
OPERA COMPANY.

by permission of Mr. R. D'Oyle Carte, headed by the Famous London Star
MR. CHAS. WORKMAN
from the Savoy & Lyric Theatres London.

Full Cast & Chorus of 40
Saturday, 10th Feb. at 9.15
"THE GONDOLIER"
Monday, 12th Feb. at 9.15
"TRIAL BY JURY"
and
"H.M.S. PINAFORE"
Tuesday, 13th Feb. at 9.15
"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE"

Wednesday, 14th and Thursday, 15th Feb. at 9.15
"THE WOMEN OF THE GUARD"
Friday, 16th Feb. at 9.15
"IOLANthe"

Saturday, 17th Feb. Matinee
"H.M.S. PINAFORE"
Saturday, 17th Feb. at 9.15
"THE CHOCOLATE SOLDIER"

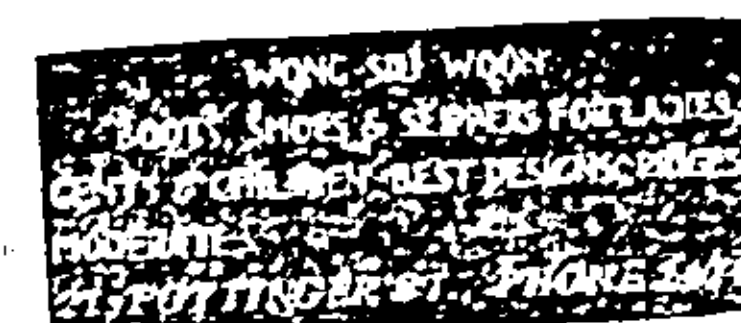
Mr. Chas Workman in his original part of Bumerli
Monday, 19th & Tuesday, 20th Feb. at 9.15
for the first time in Hongkong the Great American Musical Comedy
"KATINKA"

The Furors of Australia
Wednesday, 21st Feb. at 9.15
"GONDOLIER"
Thursday, 22nd Feb. at 9.15
"PATIENCE"

Friday, 23rd Feb. at 9.15
Edward German's English Opera
"MERIE ENGLAND"

Saturday, 24th Feb. at 9.15
GRAND FAREWELL VARIETY PERFORMANCE
by the entire strength of the company in their individual acts.

Box Plan at Moutrie's Friday and Feb
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Cash Booking only.
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NOTICE

REPAIRS TO MACHINERY.
THE Tram service will be suspended after the 10 p.m. Car on Saturday the 10th February until the 7 a.m. Car on Monday 12th February.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong 9th February 1923.

By Order of the Executor

PUBLIC AUCTION
of the
Following Valuable and
Desirable Leasehold Property
Inland Lot No. 1772 and the
messuage
known as "Uibank" No. 2 May
Road, situate thereon
To Be Sold
Subject to a Reserve Price
on
TUESDAY, the 13th day of
February 1923
at 3 p.m.
by
LAMBERT BROTHERS,
Auctioneers,
at their Sales Rooms, Duddell
Street.

Particulars and Condition of Sale
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Messrs. DEACON, MARSTON &
SHEPHERD
No. 1 Des Vaux Road Central,
or from
Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS,
The Auctioneers,
Hongkong, 1st February 1923.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

INTERPORT GAME.

Hongkong v. Shanghai,
SATURDAY, February 17th.
Club Ground,
kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.

South China Athletic v. Shanghai
MONDAY, February 19th,
kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.

Admission to Stands: both games.
Covered (all reserved) \$2, Un-
covered (reserved) \$1.50, Un-
reserved \$1.00, Chairs 50 cents.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform
half price to all the unreserved
seats.
Booking for the Reserved
Accommodation opens at
Moutrie's on the 5th.

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THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

in the above COMPANY will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 27th, February 1923 at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1922, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday the 17th, February, 1923, until Tuesday, 27th, Feb. 1923, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th, February 1923.

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FORTHCOMING AUCTION SALES

HUGHES & HOUGH

GENERAL AUCTIONEERS AND BROKERS.

The Underigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (For Account of the Co-owners), on SATURDAY, the 10th February, 1923, at noon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A Quantity of Fowls, comprising:
Black Minorcas, Leghorns, Buff Orpingtons, Barred Plymouth Rock and Bantams.

The above are all Prize Fowls and good layers.
Hongkong, 1st Feb., 1923.

on TUESDAY,

the 13th February, 1923, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

Valuable Teakwood and Blackwood Furniture and Household Sundries, &c. &c.

Comprising:
Dining Suites, Chesterfield Sofas, Arm-chairs (new), Tea Tables, Teakwood Twin Bedsteads, large and small Wardrobes, Dressing Tables and Chairs, Washstands, etc. Sideboards, Dinner Waggon, Dinner Services, Crockery and Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, Carpets and Rugs, Staircase Carpets, Electro-plated Ware, Electric Reading Lamps, Screens, Blackwood Teapots, Marble-top Flower Stands and Side Tables.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)
And
One Upright Piano,
by John Broadwood & Son,
Hongkong, 7th Feb., 1923.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Underigned have received instructions from Mr. H. A. Jones, to sell by Public Auction on Monday, the 12th, Feb. 1923, commencing at 11 a.m., at his residence, No. 2, Argyle Street, Homantin.

The Whole of his Valuable Household Furniture, comprising:—
Drawing and Dining Room Suites, bedsteads, wardrobes, dressing tables, crockery and glass-ware, pictures, kitchen utensils, etc.

Also
Several pieces of carved Blackwood-ware
And
One Piano by "Allison"
One Victrola
One View from Sunday the 11th inst.

Catalogues will be issued
Terms:—Cash on delivery.
LAMBERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

on

Monday, the 12th, Feb., 1923, commencing at 5.15 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

Breaking up Collection about 800 pieces Stamps mostly FIRST ISSUES COLONIALS (few after 1900)

Also
Many good Hongkong Lot catalogue about £200.
On view from Saturday the 10th, February.

Catalogues will be issued.
Terms: Cash on delivery.
LAMBERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

ON

Tuesday, the 13th, Feb., 1923, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture comprising:—
Wardrobes, dressing tables, hat stands, brass and teak bedsteads, carpets, ice chests, pictures, etc.

Several pieces of blackwood ware
One L. C. Smith & Bros. type-writer No. 6 with teak table.
Two strong rickshaws with rubber tyres
One astronomical telescope with stand.

On view from Monday the 12th February 1923
Catalogues will be issued.
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LAMBERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction

Sale, to be held on Monday, the 12th day of February, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of two Lots of Crown Land at Waterloo Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	100 feet by 100 feet	0.228	\$200	\$2,000
2	100 feet by 100 feet	0.228	\$200	\$2,000

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction

Sale, to be held on Monday, the 12th day of February, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Hang, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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Sale, to be held on Monday, the 12th day of Feb., 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Causeway Bay in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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DANCING.

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We will give a prize of \$50 to the reader who sends in the most nearly correct forecast of the results of Hongkong Football League and Shield Competition Matches to be played on SATURDAY next, February 10th, as detailed in the coupon to be found below.

Rules of Competition.

- All forecasts must be written on coupons cut from "The Hongkong Telegraph." The name and address of the entrant to be plainly printed in block letters in the left margin.
- Any number of attempts may be sent in, but a separate coupon must be used for each attempt.
- The Prize of \$50 will be awarded to the competitor who gives the correct or most nearly correct result of the matches to be played on Saturday, February 10th. In the event of more than one competitor sending in a correct or most nearly correct forecast, then the prize will be divided equally between those competitors. A competitor shall be entitled to more than one share of the prize.
- All coupons must be received at the "Telegraph" office not later than 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, February 10th. Coupons received after that time will be disqualified.
- No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupon. The Editor's decision will be final. No correspondence or interview will be entered into concerning this competition.
- Any match given below which, through any cause whatever, is not played, or is finished will be counted.
- No members of the "Telegraph" staff will be permitted to take part in the competition.

Mark the envelope "FOOTBALL"

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"Telegraph" Weekly Football Coupon No. 14

Matches to be played on Saturday, February 10th.

INTERPORT TRIAL

Interport Team v. Hawkins.

H.K. LEAGUE DIV. II.

United v. Kowloon
Titanic v. Auxiliaries
S. China B. v. Ambrose
S. China A. v. Durban
Hawkins v. St. Joseph's
Police v. University

U.S. LEAGUE DIV. II

King's v. R.G.A.

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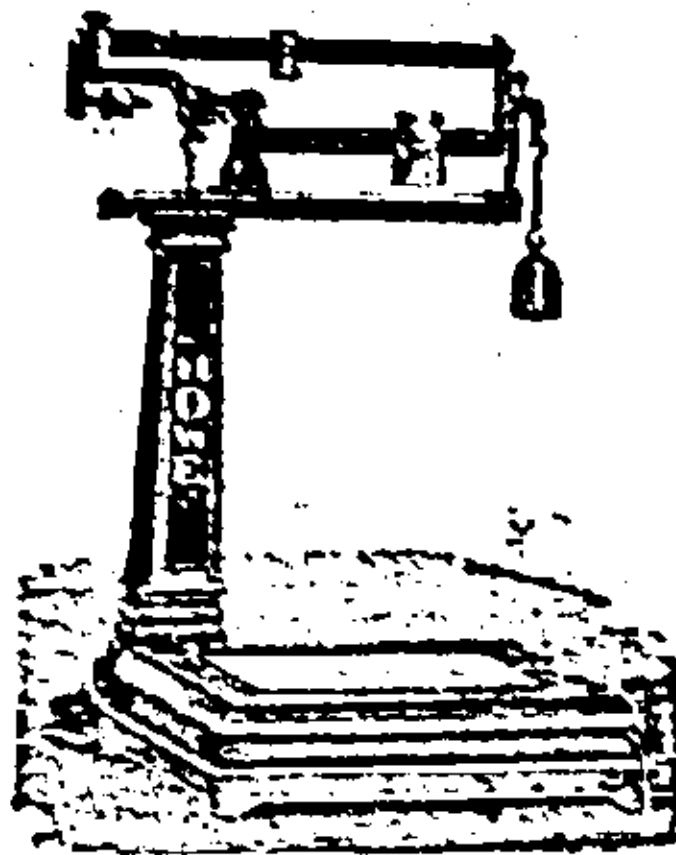
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HONGKONG, 9th Feb., 1923.

THE "MULTSAI" DEBATE.

There was a very full and frank discussion of the multi-sai system at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, the principal point in which was His Excellency's declaration that there could be no compromise on the main point, namely, the abolition of the system. We are extremely glad that such a definite and unambiguous pronouncement was made, because the question is one, to our way of thinking, which permits of the use of no half-measures. It ought not to be thickened with on mere "face-saving" lines. As we have said before, if the system is not actual slavery it is so closely allied to it, and opens the door to such grave abuses, that it can have no rightful place under the British flag.

There are two main arguments used by opponents of the Bill, the majority of whom, let it be noted, are the wealthier class of Chinese. The first is that many of the multi-sai are better off in domestic servitude than they normally would be in their own homes. That is the old, stock argument which was used at the time America took up the task of abolishing slavery. Its weakness is obvious. By the same process of reasoning, most of the poorer class Chinese in Hongkong should be in gaol, because they would certainly get better treated there, in the way of food and accommodation, than in their own ramshackle homes. The real point, of course, is that the freedom and liberty of the subject are at stake. The other argument is that Hongkong can do nothing until China abolishes the system. That is an equally fallacious and absurd standpoint, and we welcome His Excellency's pointed remark that our concern is with the 600,000 inhabitants of Hongkong, and not the 400,000,000 people of China.

The question, as His Excellency said, must be decided in accordance with British law, based on sentiments of British morality. It is no part of Hongkong's business to await a lead by China on this or on any other question. It must just as well be argued that this Colony should not bother about, say, modern sanitation until Canton shows the way. It is one of the privileges of Hongkong, and part

of our mission in this place, to set an example of sound, well-ordered government to China.

The attitude of the British Unofficial members of the Council on this subject puzzles us. They blow hot and cold almost in the same breath. Starting off with an apology for the system which they say "viewed as a whole, has not worked badly," they demand the strengthening of the proposed law and completely approve of the abolition of the system and the provisions for good treatment of existing multi-sai. But what is more striking still is Mr. Pollock's statement that the British Unofficials concur in the views of the senior Chinese Unofficial member, who openly declared that the making of the employment of multi-sai illegal would be impracticable. Surely the two viewpoints are at absolute variance.

Protecting Tenants.

We are sure that the news of the Government's intention to have the Rents Restriction Ordinance renewed for a further period of one year has brought peace of mind to a considerable section of Hongkong residents, who, as tenants, would be at the mercy of their landlords were the Ordinance to be repealed before the extension of our residential quarters meets the needs of the community. There is not only need for many more houses and flats, but also much cheaper ones; however, that is a matter for consideration by the Legislative Council. The considerable shortage of dwelling houses has been noted by His Excellency the Governor, and probably some form of official action will be evolved to cope with this situation. The restricted areas suitable for building on in the Colony do not allow of the construction of temporary houses in large numbers in order to tide over the shortage, so that there is no alternative but to continue the protective law for the present. It is gratifying to note that in Sir Edward Stubbs we have a Governor who repeatedly exhibits his concern for the general welfare of the people of this Colony, even when, as in this case, it is chiefly the poorer-classes whose cause he is championing.

The Piracy Report.

There are several points in the report of the "Sui An" Piracy Commission, that deserve examination and comment. The principal conclusion appears to have been that the owners are in no way to blame for the failure to carry out the piracy regulations. There follows reference to Capt. Birss having made arrangements of his own, which the Commission consider were abortive, and the captain is held to have been negligent in omitting to provide for the proper defence of the ship in accordance with the Regulations. But, provided these same Regulations can be shown to have been impracticable and ineffective, it appears reasonable to suggest that Capt. Birss committed no serious breach in failing to observe them strictly. We gather that the Commission are agreed that the Regulations were in some respects a dead letter, and we repeat in this connection the conclusion arrived at with regard to "cargo and passengers baggage, etc.," namely that the responsibility for these rules not being observed "has been open, and deliberate and has been in no measure an evasion," that "the responsibility here must be shared alike by the owners of the ship, by the Master, by the Captain Superintendent of Police and by the Harbour Master," while "as will appear later in this report we are unanimously of opinion that these provisions are impracticable and ineffective." Presuming that even a portion of the Piracy Regulations deserve such criticism, it appears that they were improperly drawn up and require thorough revision.

The Lesson.

If it has done nothing else, the "Sui An" piracy seems to have drawn attention to the need for a re-modelling of the official provisions against piracy. Later in the report, in fact, we find that the Commission consider the existing Regulations as "experimental in character," and "think that it may be found more convenient to repeal the present Regulations and substitute others than to use them as a basis for amendment." One of the Commission's findings that we do not

DAY BY DAY.

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NING RIGHT, BEGIN TO SAVE.

Yesterday's health return shows one Chinese case of diphtheria.

The a.s. Empress of Australia which came in yesterday, brought no fewer than 1,220 bags of mail for Hongkong.

We understand that for the Chinese Carnival to be held at the Hongkong Hotel on Chinese New Year's Eve the tables have been fully booked.

Passengers arriving by the Empress of Australia yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. H. Humphreys, Mr. J. H. Taggart and Mr. L. Yates.

Mr. Ashley Gibson, the new editor, and Mr. Bishop, the new sub-editor, of the *Nation Mail*, are on their way out and should arrive in Malaya about February 12th.

Mr. A. G. Stephen, chief manager of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, is expected in Shanghai on May 1 for the opening of the new bank building there.

The master of the a.s. Luchow, which came into port yesterday afternoon from Amoy, reports that on February 6th, whilst at Lat. 24.35 N., Long. 118.33 E., he picked up six survivors of an original crew of seven belonging to a Changchow junk, which had capsized whilst on a journey to Amoy. He landed the survivors at Amoy.

Among the passengers on the President Wilson for southern ports were Mr. and Mrs. Guido Clerico, under whose supervision the renovation and building of the Astor Grillroom took place. Mr. Clerico is proceeding after a short stay in Manila and will take complete charge of the Peak Hotel, reorganizing and re-furnishing it.—N. C. D. N.

Our Picture Page to-morrow will include photographic groups of the Hongkong Football Club Rugby team, and of the Ewo and Taikoo "soccer" teams; group of Hongkong University staff and undergraduates, taken prior to the recent Congregation; a photograph of the bride and bridegroom in the Miskin Ram wedding; a portrait of Mr. Charles Workman, the leading man in the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company; and the team from H.M.S. Foxglove which won the Stokers' Skiff Race, 1923.

CRICKET.

Kowloon will be at home to the Hongkong C.C. to-morrow, at 2.15 p.m., in a League match and will be represented by—J. P. Robinson, B. D. Evans, Capt. E. G. Spinks, E. F. Spinks, G. A. V. Hall, S. Jex, C. Dance, H. H. Benson, B. Petheram, T. M. Cochrane and A. N. Other.

Kowloon's second team will play H. K. C. 2nd. XI. at Hongkong and will be represented by—A. O. Brown, E. J. Edwards, H. Overy, N. L. Railton, W. J. Shannon, A. Leach, J. M. Jack, L. A. R. Duncan, W. J. Woolley, J. C. Fletcher and D. Lyon.

entirely agree with is on the question of wireless equipment. We think that the fitting of wireless apparatus on ocean steamers at least should be obligatory as a means of piracy prevention, and that even the river steamers could be in a much safer position had they wireless installations. An important recommendation is the one regarding the need for co-operation between the authorities here and the authorities in Macao and Kwangtung. Hongkong can do everything possible to make piracy difficult but as the Commission state, "the arrangements made on board the ships themselves form part only of what it is necessary to do," and "their success will be only partial until public order is firmly established in the neighbouring Chinese territories," for "the root of the evil is outside the waters of the Colony."

ENGLISH CUP.

Further Re-plays.

London, Feb. 8.—Re-plays in the English Cup resulted as follows:—Sheffield, 3; Middlesbrough, 1. Blackburn Rovers, 0; South Shields, 1.

In the 1st Division of the League Preston North End beat Stoke by 4 goals to 2.—*Reuter*.

CHEEKY RICKSHA
COOLIE.Summoned by Madame
Lily.

Madame Lily charged her ricksha coolie, at the Police Court this morning, with disorderly behaviour and with using abusive language.

Evidence given by the complainant was to the effect that the defendant shirked work and turned up yesterday at a late hour, leaving his ricksha unattended, neglect which Madame feared might result in a summons from the Traffic Office. On being told to leave, the man came into the shop yesterday, at half-past five, and raised a disturbance which drew a large crowd of people "for such a little thing," as Madame put it. She also said that the defendant threatened to raise a "scandal" if he were not straightaway paid for the few days' wages due to him. He helped himself to Madame's cup of tea without being invited to, on the pretext, as he put it this morning, that Madame might not need it, in view of the late hour.

A fine of \$5 and a personal bond was the penalty inflicted on this obstreperous individual by his Worship.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong
Telegraph.")

The Mui Tsai Bill.

Sir,—It seems to me that yesterday afternoon's discussion in Council on clause 2 of the above Bill left matters in a very inconclusive state as to the practice which has been followed by the Officers of the Chinese Secretariat, in regard to the redemption by a parent of a girl whom he had transferred to an employer in return for a money payment.

On this vital point there is only one Member of the Legislative Council, who can clear things up, namely, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Is it conceivable that he will be able to tell us that, if a parent came into his Office and asked for the return of his or her daughter from the employer, without making any repayment to the employer, that the Officials of the Chinese Secretariat would tell the employer, in defiance of all Chinese custom, that he had to surrender the mui tsai without making any repayment?

If such Officials took that course, they would obviously be infringing the terms of Captain Elliot's Warrant of the 30th April, 1841, directing the first administrator of this Colony to "exercise authority, according to the laws, usages, and customs of China, as nearly as may be (every description of torture excepted)." Furthermore, such Officials, if they had adopted such a course, would have been parties to something very like sharp practice on the part of the parent.

For the above reasons, I state quite candidly that it will be very difficult indeed to convince me that the practice of the Chinese Secretariat (and that practice is the vital crux of the matter) has been to absolutely fly in the face of a Chinese custom which is several thousands of years old.

I can well see that it does not suit the purpose of the Hongkong Government to admit that Clause 2 of the Bill will make any difference to the position of mui tsai, as it has existed all along, but I emphatically cannot agree with that view.

I am writing this letter to the Press with the view of giving to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs the longest notice possible of the point which I desire him to clear up at the next meeting of the Legislative Council.

Yours etc.

H. E. POLLOCK.
Prince's Buildings,
9th February, 1923.JAPANESE COUNTS
DEATH.

Tokyo, Feb. 8.—Count Kokai Otani, former Abbot of Higanji Hongwanji, has died from apoplexy at the age of 71 years.—*Reuter*.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS.

The Latest Changes.

Mr. J. Byrne, chief officer, Tatuong, is on reserve.
Mr. W. Shaw, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Tatuong.
Mr. T. B. Low, acting second officer, Woosung, has gone sup'y second officer, Szechuen.
Mr. J. Bray has been appointed second officer, Woosung.
Mr. W. Forster has been appointed sup'y second officer, Tatuong.

Captain G. R. Ainalie, of the Newchwang, is on reserve. Captain C. S. Fabster, of the Ichang, has gone master, Newchwang. Mr. J. D. Fraser, chief officer, Newchwang, has gone acting master, Ichang.

Mr. G. S. Johnson, chief officer, Pakhoi, is on reserve.
Mr. F. E. R. More, chief officer, Peking, has gone chief officer, Pakhoi.

Mr. A. Glendinning, chief officer, Huichow, is on reserve.
Mr. W. L. Shinn, second officer, Fatsan, has gone acting chief officer, Huichow.

Mr. J. V. Locke, chief officer, Tungting, is on reserve.
Mr. F. Gibbs, second officer, Ngankin, has gone acting chief officer, Tungting.

Mr. E. L. Harley, chief officer, Fatsan, is on reserve.
Mr. R. Kettlewell, chief officer, Foochow, has gone chief officer, Fatsan.

Mr. H. H. Bolderson, second officer, Yunnan, has gone second officer, Fatsan.
Mr. J. T. Layton, from reserve, has gone second officer, Yunnan.

Mr. C. Mather, chief officer, Nanchang, is on reserve.
Mr. A. N. Taylor, second officer, Nanchang, has gone acting chief officer, same ship.

Mr. R. Anderson, third officer, Nanchang, has gone acting second officer, same ship.
Mr. G. Stewart, second engineer, Tatuong, is on reserve.

Mr. D. N. Verneux, from leave, has gone second engineer, Tockwo. Captain R. H. McNair, from reserve, has gone master, Hangsang. Captain C. E. Webb, of the Hangsang, is on leave.

Mr. J. Rennie, from leave, has gone second engineer, Loongwo. Mr. W. Bould, acting second engineer, Loongwo, has gone third engineer, same ship.

Mr. A. Connal, third engineer, Loongwo, has gone sup'y third engineer, same ship.
Mr. F. Kerlake, sup'y third engineer, Loongwo, is on reserve.

Mr. G. G. Patterson, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, Kinging.

Captain H. A. Kornfeldt, of the Kaho, has gone master, Kianghsin. Captain J. H. Davies, of the Hainchi, has gone master, Kaho.

Mr. J. Mackellar, second officer, Hsin Kiangtan, has gone second officer, Kiangtan.

Mr. V. G. Vastreboll, second officer, Kiangtan, has gone second officer, Hsin Kiangtan.

Mr. W. Spence, from reserve, has gone second engineer, Kiangtoe. Mr. R. Alexandra, from leave, has gone second engineer, Kiangtoe.

Mr. W. Crosbie, from leave, has gone chief engineer, Kiangtung. Mr. W. Spence, second engineer, Kiangtoe, has gone second engineer, Kiangtung.—Shipping and Engineering.

TO-DAY'S
MISCELLANY.

The English scientist, Lord Kelvin, who, for many years, held the chair of natural philosophy at Glasgow University, was the subject of an amazing story told to illustrate his singular force of habit. As professor of science, Lord Kelvin could use long words in such formidable array as to paralyze the average layman, but the Glasgow student is made of sterner stuff. During a course of lectures on magnetism, he once defined an ideal magnet as "an infinitely long, indefinitely thin, uniform and uniformly longitudinally magnetized bar," and the misguided students vociferously cheered, which caused the venerable professor to say: "Silence!" This definition was made and cheered, with the usual reprimand, frequently during the lectures. One day, however, the students did not cheer, but Lord Kelvin promptly rapped out: "Silence!" as before.

ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL.

Annual Prize Distribution.

The Ellis Kadoorie School held its annual prize distribution this morning. Among those present were the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn and Mrs. Severn, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. U. Rumjahn, Mr. B. Wylie, the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving (Director of Education), Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of Schools), the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave (Scouts Commissioner) and Mr. R. E. O. Bird (Headmaster).

On exhibition were a number of paintings and some black-and-white drawings, work done by the pupils during the year. Most of these were very well executed and showed promise. Notable among them were some clever water-colours by Lam Lang (4B) and Chan Ping-in (4A) who were awarded the first and second prizes given by the Hon. Mr. Severn.

A new feature was a display of basket work done by the Boy Scouts. The useful articles exhibited were strongly and artistically made and a great credit to the craftsmen.

Headmaster's Report.

The Headmaster read his report as follows:—
I have the sad duty of recording the death of our two chief patrons, Sir Ellis Kadoorie and Mr. Lau Chu-pak. They were always present at our prize-givings and the loss to the school is very great indeed. Without their generosity, this school would not have existed and given education to the great numbers that have passed through it. Their names should, and I believe, will always be remembered with gratitude by all old boys.

I have much pleasure in informing you that Mr. Lau Chu-pak has given two scholarships to Classes 5 and 6 for English Composition of the value of \$30 and \$20 respectively. They will be called the Mrs. Lau Chu-pak scholarships, in honour of his mother. I feel that they will be a great stimulus to these classes to work hard to acquire a sound knowledge of the English language. The best thanks of the school are due to him for this encouragement of what is the most important subject in the school.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong has very kindly increased his scholarships here from \$55 to \$120. One scholarship of \$60 is now given to Class 4, one of \$30 to Class 5 and one of \$30 to Class 6. There has been very keen competition for these scholarships and I am sure that Mr. Ho Kom-tong will agree with me that the greatest return he can have for his generosity is that they have been worthily earned, and I can assure him that last year this was certainly the case. This year in Class 5 there are over 120 boys and in Class 6 over 150, so I have no doubt the competition will be equally keen. The maximum number on the roll last year was 676, and the average daily attendance 588. In only one month did the number of boys on the roll fall below 630.

To follow the changes of a kaleidoscopic staff is a difficult task, but I may mention a few of the chief. At this time last year Mr. Evans was with us. In the spring he was sent to Kowloon British School and this school was left without an English Assistant Master until the return of Mr. Mycock on November 9th. Mr. Ng Fung-chau was transferred to the Normal School as Head Master. He had been with us ever since the school was taken over by the Government. His work here was always very thorough and he has left a deep impression on the school. I congratulate him upon his well-earned promotion. Messrs. Lo Ki-san and Kuo Ping-to, both Graduates of the Hongkong University, came here in June. They have made a good start. Mr. Ng Chung-tau, the Sportsmaster, has left us. Mr. Kwok Kam-fat and Mr. Yik Tat-tung, after doing good work here, have resigned.

Miss Hall has continued the teaching of art which was introduced into the school shortly before last prize-giving. It is making good headway. As evidence of her influence are around us in great number, it is needless to dilate upon her work. Singing was introduced into the lower classes during the year, partly with the idea of teaching English by its means. We have not yet had time to judge fully of its results, but at present they are quite promising. Miss Esheridge is in charge of this instruction and has been successful in inspiring her pupils with a love of the subject.

The vernacular work, which for so many years and so efficiently

had been supervised by Mr. Ng Fung-chau, is now under the charge of Mr. Lau Tsui, who has entered upon his new task with energy, and we have every hope that the standard which was set by Mr. Ng Fung-chau will be kept up.

The library has been in the hands of Mr. Cheng Kaku and has been very well patronised by the boys. There is always a large number who take advantage of the facilities offered, and it helps them to acquire a proficiency in both English and Chinese which they would otherwise lack. The post of librarian is no sinecure and our thanks are due to Mr. Cheng Kaku for the way in which he has fulfilled his duties.

The Boy Scouts are under Mr. Lam Kwan Shan. Two of them were awarded the gilt cross for gallantry for carrying a murdered man to the Police Station after everybody else in the district had run away. These medals were presented to the boys by His Excellency who congratulated them upon their bravery. In this connection I may mention that, while talking over the matter with Mr. Ho Wa-ching, a teacher who has been in the school since it was taken over by Government, he stated that no Chinese boy would have done this except a Boy Scout. I asked him why and he replied that Boy Scouts are trained to do this sort of thing and no Chinese boy would do this without training. I thought this a very high compliment to the training of the Boy Scouts and also a very strong proof of the necessity of training more boys in this way. The Scouts held a successful camp at Chan Yuen, near Tai Po Market. They are now taking up basket-making. Samples of their handiwork are on view and I think are very creditable to their industry and skill.

In games we have held our own. We direct our attention mostly to swimming and volley ball. The "small boys" team won the relay race at the H. A. A. F. Aquatic Sports last October and we carried off three other prizes. The school was taken out in launches on nine occasions for swimming to such places as Stonecutter's Island, Big Wave Bay, Silver Mine Bay and Island Bay and these trips were very much enjoyed by all the boys. On some occasions more than 400 boys were taken. I regret very much to say that one boy was drowned in the Y. M. C. A. bath last November. Boxing is carried on under the charge of Sergeant Marriott. We have had boys kidnapped during the year, but none from the boxing class. The World Theatre was kindly lent to the boys to collect money for the Swatow Relief Fund. This was done at the suggestion of the boys and a very energetic Committee collected the sum of \$350 in small amounts. This was handed over to the Tung Wah Hospital to be forwarded. The boys also of their own initiative collect every year a sum of money for the support of a vernacular school for poor Chinese boys.

The lower classes in the school, over 400 in number, attend the Y. M. C. A. regularly for drill and swimming lessons. It is hoped that this will bring them up to a higher standard of health and strength, and we thank the Physical Department of the Y. M. C. A. for their valuable work in this respect.

You, Sir, first gave away the prizes here in January, 1916, and on every occasion since we have had the honour of your presence. I beg to thank you on behalf of the staff and boys for so kindly coming here again and offering the two art prizes for which there is always very keen competition. This year 35 boys competed. I beg to thank Mrs. Severn for coming here today and giving away the prizes. I know that their value is enhanced by receiving them from her hands. I beg also to thank Mr. Li Ping and Messrs. Choong Sun for kindly presenting prizes to the school.

Scholarships.

The Scholarships for 1921 were as follows:—
Ting Cheuk.
Lau Chu-pak Scholarship.—Ng Chai Fan-yeung.
Chan Kai-ming Scholarship.—Lau Yung-fan.
The Scholarships for 1922 were as follows:—
Lugard Scholarship.—Ko Chiu-lun.

Free Scholarships to Queen's College.—Lee Pui-tong, Wai Chung, Pao Tat-sing, Tso Po-sham, Fung Yan-lau.
Tai Yau Scholarship.—Young Man-yuk.

Half Fee Scholarships to Queen's College.—Chak Fa-yee and Yik Kung-tung.
Lau Chu-pak Scholarship.—Chiu U-chap.
Ho Kom-tong Scholarship.—Lam Wai-man.

Mrs. Lau Chu-pak Scholarship.—Tam Kam-shan.
Ho Kom-tong Scholarship.—Hui Chak-keung.
Chan Kai-ming Scholarship.—Lau Pui-ki.

Ho Kom Tong Scholarship.—Fung I-shun.
Mrs. Lau Chu-pak Scholarship.—Fau Kun-tat.

Art Prizes (presented by the Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.).—1st, Lau Mo-leung; 2nd, Chan Ping-in. Leung Kam-chuen was commended.

Mr. Severn's Speech.
Mr. Severn joined with Mr. Bird in expressing deep regret at the loss the school had suffered by the death of Sir Ellis Kadoorie and Mr. Lau Chu-pak. Mr. Severn paid a tribute to the interest taken in education by the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie and the late Mr. Lau Chu-pak. He was glad to see present so many of those interested in the school, which included new faces, Mr. Wylie and Mr. Rumjahn (members of the Board of Education), also the Rev. Waldegrave, whose great enthusiasm had done much towards the success of the Scout movement in the Colony. Mr. Severn considered the report very satisfactory. He was glad to see new departments, outside the ordinary work of the school. Singing had a very great value in connection with voice production and general health, and he thought it would become very popular. He regretted not to see Mr. Ng Fung-chau present, but he had been promoted, and that was the reward he had had for a very great energy he had shown and the careful work he had done for them whilst at school. The work done by Scouts, especially the honour which they had gained showed that they valued the movement, and Mr. Severn was sure they would do their best to join and become efficient. He congratulated them on their basket-work which did them great credit. They now had a very inefficient department in the Y. M. C. A. for physical development. Mr. Dome was an expert in all branches and the speaker was glad to hear that the school was to have the benefit of his instruction. With regard to art, Mr. Severn advised the pupils to pay careful attention to their drawing, and the other branches would follow. The speaker gave some good advice on this subject, during the course of which he remarked that some of the work was most creditable. He concluded by thanking them for inviting his wife and himself to their gathering, and by wishing them a prosperous New Year.

Mrs. Severn then distributed the prizes, at the conclusion of which one of the boys presented her with a beautiful bouquet. Cheers were then given and the gathering broke up.

S. S. BESSIE DOLLAR DISTRESSED.

Loss of Rudder.

The Manila Daily Bulletin has a Seattle, Wash., cable dated February 1st, stating: "A wireless message to-day at noon from the steamer, Bessie Dollar, bound from Bellingham, Wash., to Kobe with lumber, states that she has lost her rudder and is being battered by heavy seas and north-west gales. She is still drifting, about 1,800 miles from Kobe, and the steamer Pomona, previously reported as going to her rescue, apparently has not arrived. Attempts to rig a jury rudder had failed.

The Bessie Dollar is en route to Manila via China ports and was scheduled to arrive towards the end of this month.

SHANGHAI DIVIDENDS.

Messrs. Carrol Bros. kindly advise us that they have received telegraphic advices from Shanghai to the effect that the Shanghai Loan and Investment Co., Ltd. (Langkat) has declared a dividend of Tls. 0.25 per share and the new Engineering and Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., a dividend of Tls. 0.60 per share. The latter concern made a net profit of Tls. 256,790.

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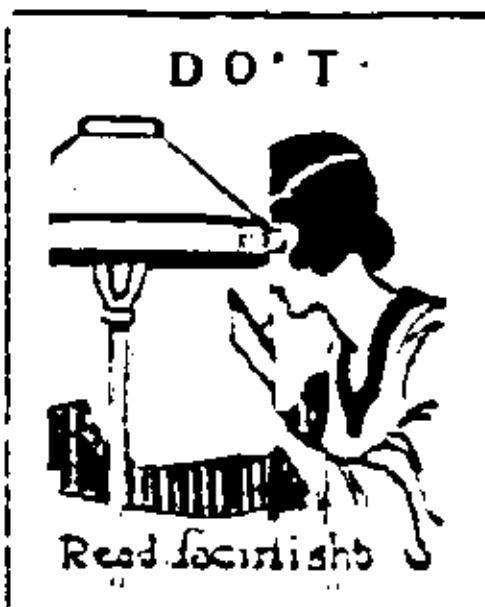
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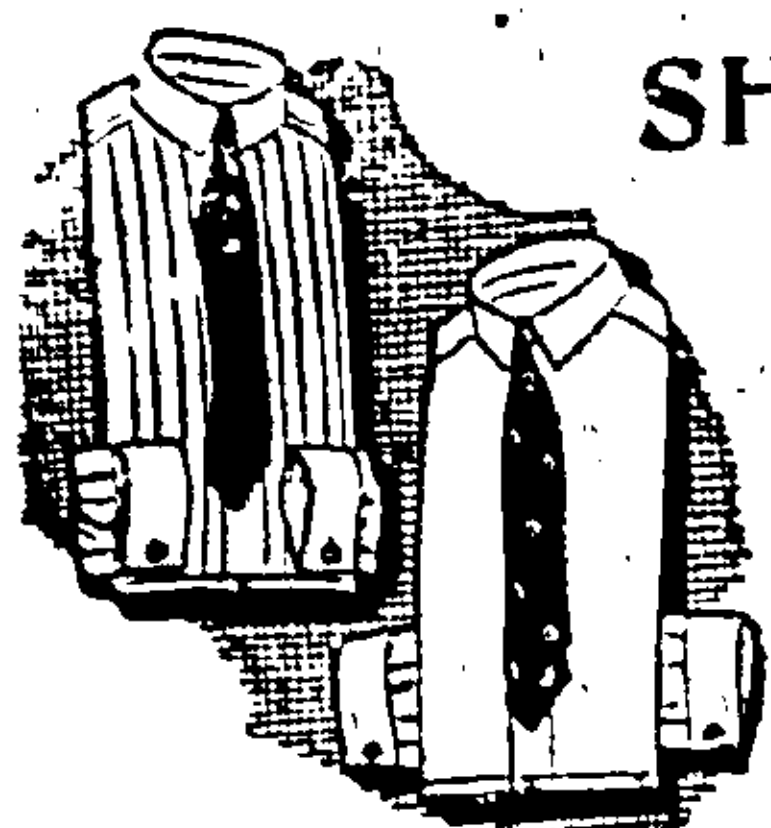
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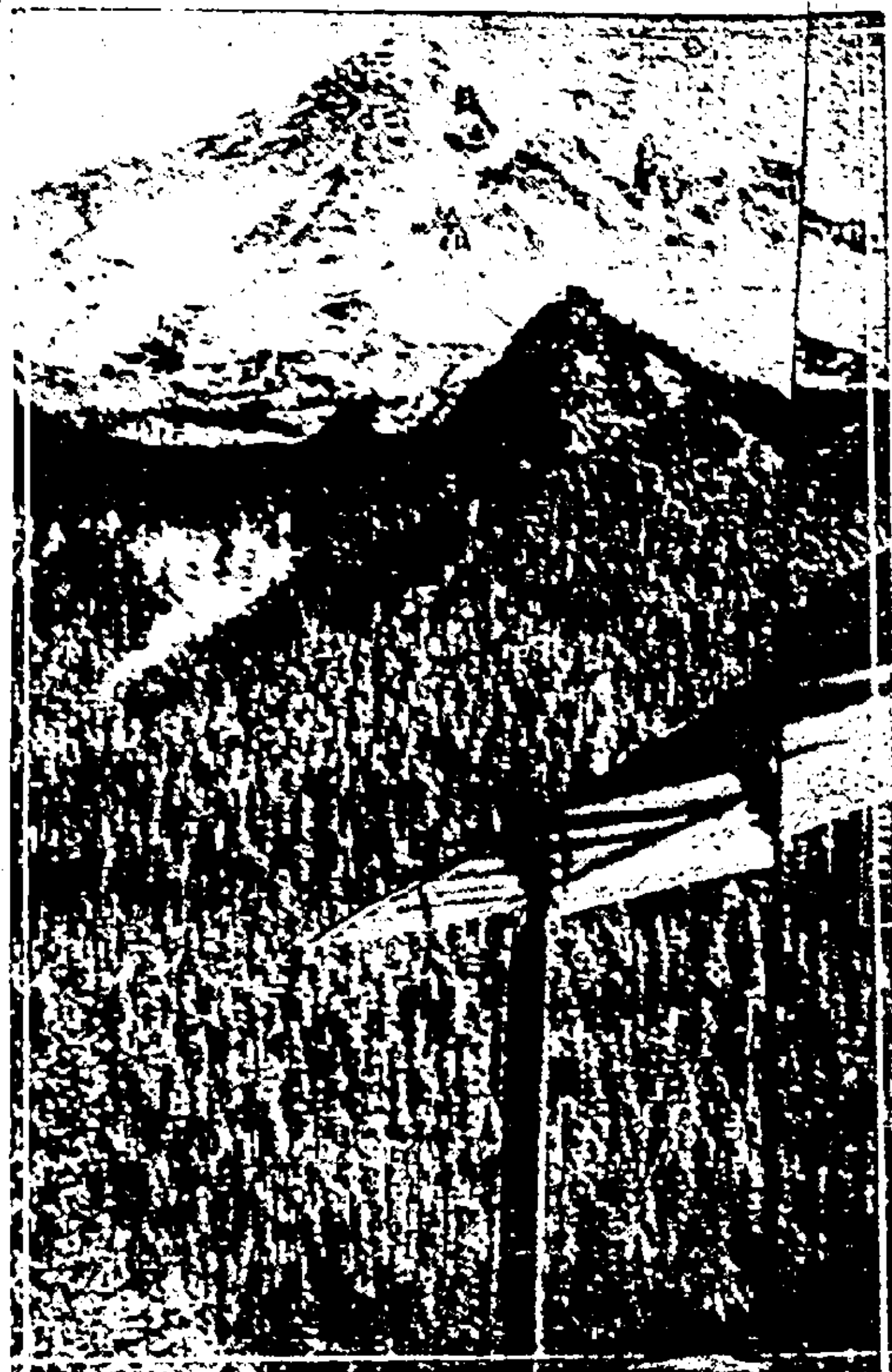
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CAMERA NEWS.



Aeroplane picture of the highest mountain in the United States—Mount Rainier (Tacoma).



Patriarch Tikon, head of the Russian Church, who is under arrest in the Donoskoi monastery near Moscow, Russia.



Photo shows (left to right): James Reid, professional of the Crescent Athletic Club, and Walter A. Kinsella, professional of the Squash Club and World's Professional Squash Champion. Kinsella recently defeated Reid in the second, and deciding, match of their series at the Yale Club, playing for the world's championship and a \$2,000 purse.



Mrs. Ida M. French, daughter of the late Mr. Robert J. French, former American Consul-General in London. The English courts have awarded her five million dollars in the settlement of the estate left to her husband, with whom after a separation she had become reconciled during the war.



Here are dummy bombs lined up on the beach, at Washington, waiting to be placed on naval seaplanes for bombing practice.



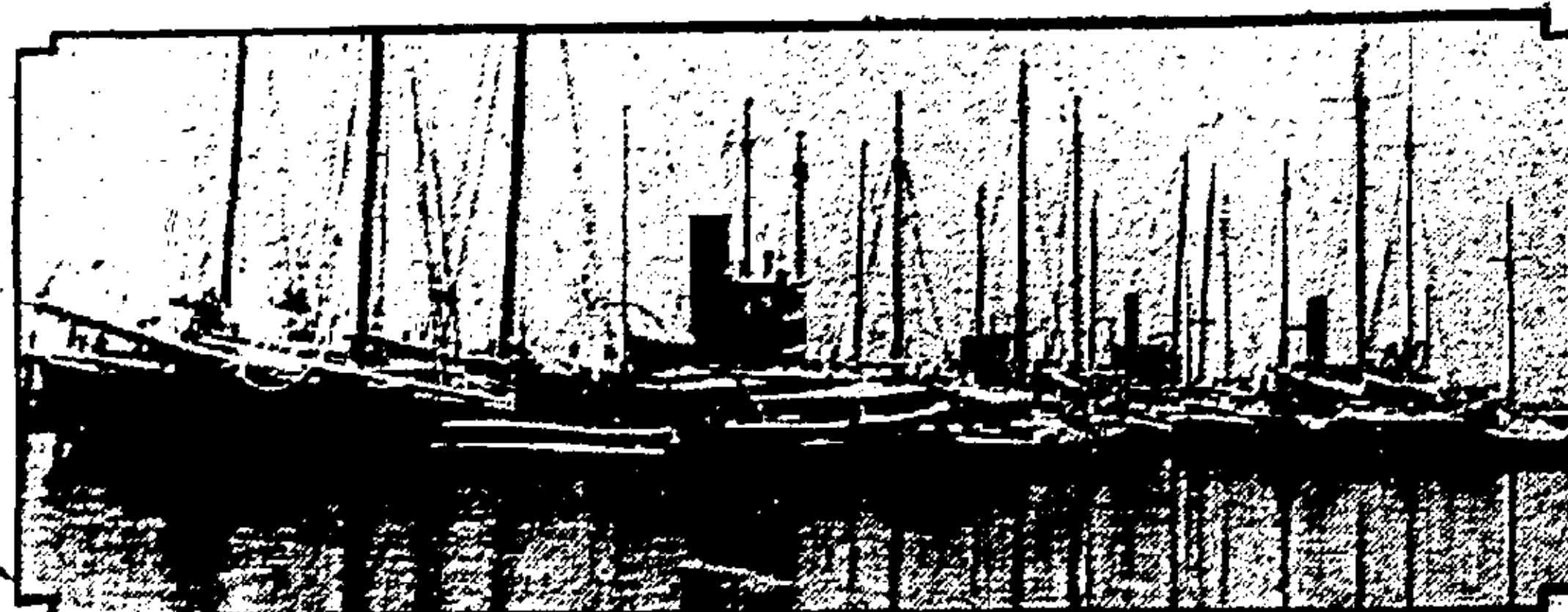
Here are pictures of the six wealthy men who have signed up to go on the first de luxe aerial cruise to the Arctic. Left to right: William E. Metzger, Howard E. Coffin, Harold H. Ebbons, James W. Inches, Liglia M. Upperco, and Charles F. Redden.



Oressa Anderson, girl scout, who will receive a gold medal for her bravery in rescuing seven persons during a fire at Arverne, Long Island.



These kittens had a merry little basket party all their own at the ninth annual championship show of the Empire Cat Club, held in New York.



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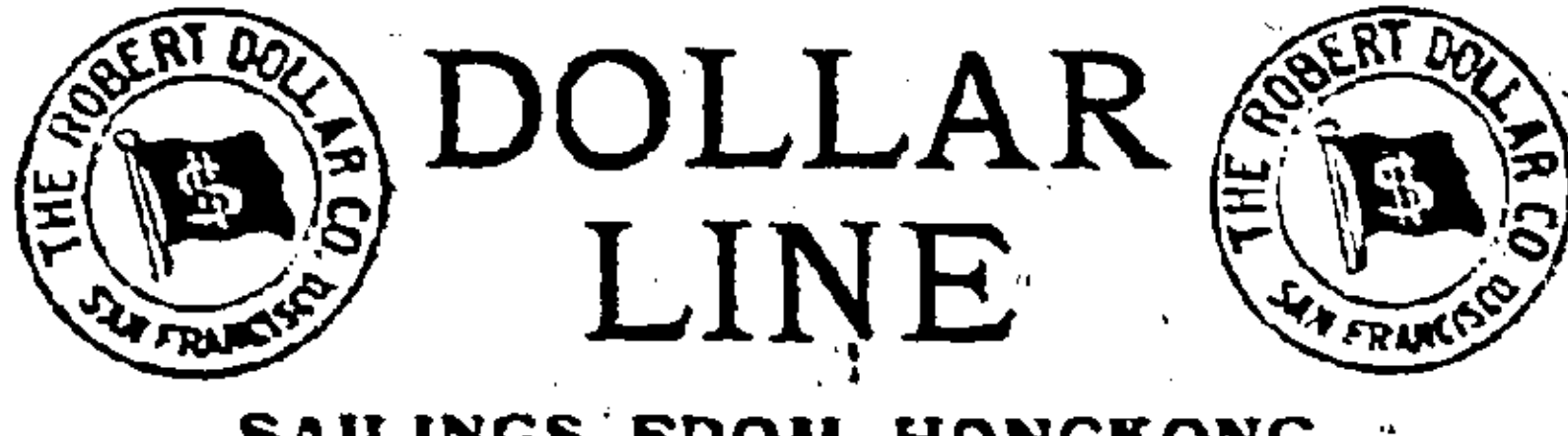
Steamers	For	Sailing on or about
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KASHMIR	8,800	11th Feb. noon	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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KASHIMA MARU	—	Wednesday, 28th Jan.
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STRAITS & Calcutta	Lalsang	Fri. 9th Feb. at 3 p.m.
TTAO via S'hai Kwong-sang	Sun. 11th Feb. at 9 a.m.	
HAIPHONG via Hoihow Leesang	Sun. 11th Feb. at 10 a.m.	
BANGKOK via Swatow Kwalsang	Mon. 12th Feb. at 10 a.m.	
KOBE	Namsang	Wed. 14th Feb. at noon.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Wingsang	Thurs. 15th Feb. at 10 a.m.	
BANGKOK via Swatow Vatsang	Mon. 19th Feb. at 10 a.m.	
STRAITS & Calcutta	Kutsang	Thurs. 22nd Feb. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Thurs. 22nd Feb. at 3 p.m.
BANGKOK	Chunsang	Sun. 25th Feb. at 10 a.m.

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CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO. LTD.
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Consignees per Company's Steamer

"KLENUK"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 7th February.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th Feb. will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 27th February, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1923.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LIMITED.**

The Steamship

"BENGLOE"

From ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO, LONDON & STRAITS.

Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th Feb. will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Under- signed on or before the 26th inst. or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 12th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter- signed by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LD.

Agents.

Hongkong, 5th February 1923.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES**ADMIRAL ORIENTAL LINE.**

The Steamship

"PRESIDENT JACKSON"

having arrived from Seattle via porton Feb. 4th, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or Extra-Hazardous Godowns of The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, and stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be counter- signed.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns, where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on Feb. 10th, by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Ash.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be recognised after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after Feb. 12th, 1923, will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

